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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 01

8:00am - Mass, Church

Tuesday, January 02

6:30pm - Choir Practice, Church

6:30pm - Legion of Mary Meeting, Cry Room

Wednesday, January 03

6:00am - St. Joseph Society Rosary, Church

9:00am - Elderberries, FLC

6:30pm - RCIA, FLC

Thursday, January 04

9:00am - No Babyberries, FLC

6:30pm - Ultreya, Church

Friday, January 05

6:30am - Mass, Church

7:00am - Benediction, Church

Saturday, January 06

9:00am - First Saturday Mass

Sunday, January 07

8:30am - Catechism Class, RCE

10:00am - Mass Sponsored By RCE, Church

6:30pm - Confirmation Sponsor Meeting, Church

Weekly Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:30 pm

Monday: 6:30 am

Tuesday: 12:05 pm

Wednesday: 6:30 am

Thursday: 12:05 pm

Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes prior to Mass or any other time by appointment.

Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled through the Parish Office. Please call 334-2193 to schedule the sacrament.

Preparation Classes are held the 4th Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass.

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule an appointment and begin the preparation process.

Funerals

Funeral home personnel will contact the parish office for you to make all the necessary arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office to schedule the sacrament of anointing with one of our priests.

Readings of the Week

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

The Sanctuary Lamp

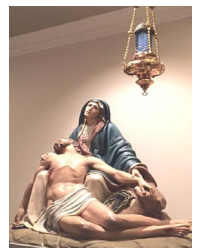


The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

Ronald "Ronnie" Thibodeaux
Darrel J. Dugas
Darrell & William Hayes Alleman

The Pieta Lamp

Mother of Sorrows, You who held Jesus in your arms, please intercede with your Divine Son on behalf of:



Vivian Boudreaux
Mark & Denny Beslin
Mary Annette Mier Comeaux

Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 12/17/2017 \$10,218.35

Pieta Votive Candles

In an effort to make lighting votive candles intended to be burned at the Pieta Statue in the front of church easier and more accessible we will be keeping the votive candle stand full with fresh candles. Candles can be lit and left in the stand. Candles for home use can still be purchased and picked up during regular office hours at the rectory.

Weddings



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We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

**Christopher Karl Comeaux &
Eva Marie Bertrand**

Prayers for the Sick

Peggy Bellard, Elsie Besse, Betty Boullion, Madilyn Claire Boyer & Family, Susan Kibodeaux Bourque, Christine Brandon, Debbie Breaux, Gladdie Breaux, Jim Breaux, Sheila Breaux, Marie Broussard, Betty Bush, Susie Carrier, Martin Chatelain Jr., Lima Clement, Ronald Clement, Christopher Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Eli Cormier, John Thomas Crouch, Peggy Deville, James Dogua, Wesley Doucet, Fr. Benoit Drapeau, Kathy Duhon, Elgie Dupuis, Frannie Dupuis, Paula Dupuis, Mary Dugas, Daniel Fontenot, Racy Foreman, Richard Foreman, Barbara Gaspard, Judy Gautreaux, Mike Guidry, Roberta Mier Guidry, Karen Hebert, Kathryn Istre, Lloyd Jeffers, M. J. LaCroix, Malcolm Landry, Elaine LeBlanc, Mark Wayne LeMaire, Paul Matte, Ruth McBride, Shirley Menard, Ian Miller, Norma Miller, Rita Monceaux, Wilma Normand, Joseph Ortego, Scott Pharr, Derek Plaisance, Janell Kibodeaux, Ruth Saloom, Edith Seaux, Linton Seaux, Layna Simon, Michelle Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Jerome Simoneaux, Tina Terro, Dexter Theunissen, Jr. Thibodeaux, Billy Towry, Connor Trahan, Joe Trahan, Sherman Trahan, Kurt Venable, Alfred Zaunbrecher Sr.

Envelope Fundraiser

There are a few envelopes still out from the Youth Ministry Envelope Fundraiser. If you have taken an envelope and still haven't turned it in, it isn't too late. Please mail or drop off the envelopes at the rectory. You are also welcome to drop the envelope in the collection basket during any mass collection. We are so grateful for your support!

Save The Date

Make sure to save the date for our annual Parish Gumbo Feb 9th 2018!

Aquinas Institute

Church History and Theology of the Body at AQUINAS INSTITUTE – Faith Seeking Understanding. Register now for an Aquinas Institute course! Two evening courses will be offered this spring: The 350 Church History by Fr. Rene Pellessier (Mondays 6-8:30 PM at Wisdom Catholic Student Center) and THE 490 Theology of the Body by Kim Anson, MA (Wednesdays 6-8:30 PM at John Paul the Great Academy). Courses begin January 24 and end May 7. The classes can be taken for college credit (accredited through University of Holy Cross) or for catechetical credit (audit). For more information or to register call (337) 394-6550, email frchampagne@yahoo.com, or go to www.aquinaslafayette.org

Engaged Couples

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law.

Upcoming weekend dates are January 12-14, March 9-11, and April 27-29. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecee.org or contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at (337)254-8947 or (337)898-9257, or cee.trahan@gmail.com.

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Dear Youth, Love Core

Prayer 101:

How to Start Talking to God (Pt 1 of 4)

It doesn't matter if you say the perfect prayer or are in the holiest state. What matters most is giving time to God, simply placing yourself in His presence. He wants to encounter us, and we need to encounter Him authentically if we're going to survive as Christians.

That being said, I want to give you a few practical tips that have helped me encounter God in my life:

1. Praying with Scripture

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." This saying from St. Jerome gets quoted so often that we might become numb to just how powerful it really is. If we do not know Scripture, we can't know Christ. The Word of God is God Himself. Reading and praying with Scripture is a beautiful way to come to know your Creator.

When I pray with Scripture, I like to see how the passage relates to where I'm at in life and what I'm dealing with in that moment. I take into account the time the passage was written, who it was written to, and why it was written, and I see how I can apply it to myself, today. The Bible transcends space and time, and is applicable even now so asking God what He might be trying to say to you in His Word is a beautiful prayer.

EDGE Trip

Registration is now open for our annual EDGE trip. This year, on January 27th 2018, we will be heading over to St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College for a tour and mass followed by an afternoon of service planting trees in New Orleans with NOLA Tree Project. To register and for more information please go to stjoerayne.org/edgetrip



Church Humor



"Come along quietly, Carl. Your latest birthday puts you with the Middle Ageds."

Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to get to the heart of the Eucharistic Celebration. The Mass is made up of two parts, which are the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharistic Liturgy, so closely joined between them as to form one act of worship (Cf. Sacrosanctum Concilium, 56; Ordinarmento Generale del Messale Romano, 28). Introduced by some preparatory rites and concluded with others, the celebration is, therefore, one body and it can't be separated; however, for a better understanding, I will try to explain its various moments, each one of which is capable of touching and involving a dimension of our humanity. It's necessary to know these holy signs to live the Mass fully and savor all its beauty.

When the people are gathered, the celebration opens with the introductory rites, including the entrance of those celebrating or of the celebrant, the greeting – “The Lord be with you,” “Peace be with you,” — , the penitential act – “I confess,” where we ask for forgiveness of our sins –, the Kyrie eleison, the hymn of the Gloria and the Collect prayer: it's called “Collect Prayer,” not because the collection of the offerings is made there: it's the collection of the prayer intentions of all the peoples, and that collection of the people's intention goes up to Heaven as prayer. The purpose – of these introductory rites — is such as to have the “faithful, gathered together, form a community, and dispose themselves to listen with faith to the Word of God and to celebrate worthily the Eucharist” (Ordinarmento Generale del Messale Romano, 46). It's not a good habit to look at one's watch and say: “I'm on time, I'll arrive after the sermon and with this I will fulfil the precept.” The Mass begins with the sign of the Cross, with these introductory rites, because there we begin to adore God as a community. And, therefore, it's important to plan not to arrive late, but rather in advance to prepare one's heart for this rite, for this celebration of the community.

While normally the entrance hymn is being sung, the priest with the other ministers reaches the presbytery in procession, and here he greets the altar with a bow and, in sign of veneration, kisses it and, when there is incense, he incenses it. Why? Because the altar is Christ: it's a figure of Christ. When we look at the altar, we look in fact where Christ is. The Altar is Christ. These gestures, which risk passing unobserved, are very significant, because they express from the beginning that the Mass is an encounter of love with Christ, who “offering His body on the cross [. . .] becomes altar, victim and priest” (Easter Preface V). In fact, the altar, in as much as sign of Christ, “is the center of the thanksgiving that is fulfilled with the Eucharist” (Ordinarmento Generale del Messale Romano, 296), and the whole community around the altar, which is Christ: not to look at <faces> but to look at Christ, because Christ is at the center of the community, He's not far from it.

Then there is the sign of the cross. The priest that presides traces it on himself and the same is done by all the members of the assembly, aware that the liturgical act is carried out “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” And here I pass to another very small argument. Have you seen how children make the sign of the cross? They don't know what they do: sometimes they make a design, which isn't the sign of the cross. Please: mothers and fathers, grandparents, teach children from the beginning – when very small – to do the sign of the cross well. And explain to them what it is to have Jesus' cross as protection. And the Mass begins with the sign of the cross. The whole prayer moves, so to speak, in the realm of the Most Holy Trinity – “In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” –, which is the realm of infinite communion; it has as its origin and as its end the love of God One and Triune, manifested and given to us in the Cross of Christ. In fact, His Paschal Mystery is a gift of the Trinity, and the Eucharist always flows from His pierced Heart. Therefore, by signing ourselves with the sign of the cross, not only do we remember our Baptism, but we affirm that the liturgical prayer is the encounter with God in Christ Jesus, who was incarnated for us, died on the cross and rose glorious.

Therefore, the priest addresses the liturgical greeting with the expression: “The Lord be with you” or another similar one – there are several –; and the assembly responds: “And with your spirit.” We are in dialogue; we are at the beginning of the Mass and we must think of the meaning of all these gestures and words. We are entering a “symphony,” in which various tones of voices resound, including times of silence, in view of creating “agreement” among all the participants, namely, to recognize one another animated by one Spirit and by one same end. In fact “the priestly greeting and the people's response manifest the mystery of the gathered Church” (Ordinarmento Generale del Messale Romano, 50). Expressed thus is the common faith and the mutual desire to be with the Lord and to live in unity with the whole community.

And this is a praying symphony, which is being created and presents immediately a very touching moment, because the one who presides invites all to acknowledge their sins. We are all sinners. I don't know, perhaps one of you isn't a sinner . . . If someone isn't a sinner, please raise his hand, so we can all see. But there aren't any raised hands; ok, your faith is good! We are all sinners and, therefore, we ask for forgiveness at the beginning of the Mass. It's the penitential act. It's not only about thinking of the sins committed, but much more: it's the invitation to acknowledge ourselves sinners before God and before the community, before brothers, with humility and sincerity, as the publican in the Temple. If the Eucharist truly renders present the Paschal Mystery, namely the passage of Christ from death to life, then the first thing we should do is to recognize what are our situations of death to be able to rise with Him to new life. This makes us understand how important the penitential act is. And, therefore, we will take up this argument in the next catechesis. We go step by step in the explanation of the Mass. However, I recommend: please teach the children to do the Sign of the Cross well!

January 2017 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Annette Gossen Debra Reed	Brenda Hooper Barbara Nugent	Emma Guidry Allie & Aiden Mouton Tatum Hill Reed Normand
Sun.	7:00 am	Dolores Deville Clinton Boullion	Mona Vienne Keith Vienne	Jackson Casanova Sam Casanova
	10:00 am	Devin Soeseno Layna Thibodeaux	Peggy Deville Thomas Hebert Nathan Mouton	Evan Hebert, Lane Comeaux JC and Ashton Orillion Gianni Colonna Max Trahan
	5:30 pm	Leah Guidry	Andy Richard Bryan Guidry	Alaysha Dupont Angelle Bourgeois

Eucharistic Adorers



Please consider scheduling one hour a week in the adoration chapel with our Lord.

For more information please call or text Cathy Breaux at 337-501-1404 or email stjoe24.7@gmail.com to schedule your time.

RCE Asks: Did You Know?

St. John was the last apostle to die. He died around the year 100 AD. He was the only apostle not to be martyred.



Pray For Priests and Seminarians

Eternal Father,

We lift up to You these and all the priests and seminarians of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray.

- Amen

- Jan 01 Pope Francis
Sem. Andrew Furka
- Jan 02 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Sem. David Furka
- Jan 03 Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
Sem. Jace Gyles
- Jan 04 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
Sem. Jonathan Harris
- Jan 05 Rev. Charles Langlois
Sem. Nicholas Hebert
- Jan 06 Msgr. H.A. Larroque
Sem. Sal Istre
- Jan 07 Rev. Bernard Lebiez, OSB
Sem. Luke Johnson

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